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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/663,268	GIETT ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Essama Omgba	3726	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendments filed October 17, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4, 6-14, 16-18 and 20-28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claim 27: line 18, --track comprises-- has been inserted after "said" first occurrence; "comprises" has been changed to --comprising--; and "said" second occurrence has been changed to --a--,  
Line 19, "comprises" has been changed to --comprising--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: for claims 7 and 21, the prior art does not teach a machine for securing a border wire on a mattress inner spring, the machine comprising a support having a first portion against which one edge of the mattress inner spring and border wire rest and a second portion against which one side of the mattress inner spring and border wire rest, a clip applicator feed system comprising a track along which strips of clips travel, the track having a first feed end into which an operator feeds strips of clips and a second clip applicator end operably connected to a clip applicator for supplying the clips to the clip applicator, wherein the first feed end of the track is accessible to an operator through the second portion of the support, these in combination with the rest of the limitations in the claims.

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For claims 9 and 23, the prior art does not teach a machine for securing a border wire on a mattress inner spring, the machine comprising a clip applicator feed system comprising a track along which strips of clips travel, the track having a first feed end into which an operator feeds strips of clips and a second clip applicator end operably connected to a clip applicator for supplying the clips to the clip applicator, wherein the track includes at least one clip feed device which moves the strips of clips along the track, the clip feed device comprising an air cylinder, these in combination with the rest of the limitations in the claims. For claim 13, the prior art does not teach a machine for securing a border wire on a mattress inner spring, the machine comprising a clip applicator feed system comprising a track along which strips of clips travel, the track having a first feed end into which an operator feeds strips of clips and a second clip applicator end operably connected to a clip applicator for supplying the clips to the clip applicator, wherein the track includes a pair of feed devices which move the strips of clips along the track, and a low clip sensing device, disposed between the pair of clip feed devices, which senses a low clip condition of the clip applicator feed system, the clip feed devices comprising air cylinders and the low clip sensing device comprising a proximity switch, these in combination with the rest of the limitations in the claims. For claim 27, the prior art does not teach a machine for securing a border wire on a mattress inner spring, the machine comprising a clip applicator feed system comprising a track along which strips of clips travel, the track having a first feed end into which an operator feeds strips of clips and a second clip applicator end operably connected to a clip applicator for supplying the clips to the clip applicator, wherein the track includes

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clip feed devices comprising air cylinders and a low clip sensing device comprising a proximity switch, these in combination with the rest of the limitations in the claims

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Essama Omgba whose telephone number is (571) 272-4532. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-6:30, 1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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